

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:
posting a note on a first computer at a content provider, wherein the note has content, and wherein the content provider is a first party;
electronically engaging in an activity arising from the content of the note, wherein the activity is performed by a content recipient on a second computer, and wherein the content recipient is a second party; and,
providing payment to a third party based upon the activity, wherein the second party is distinct from the third party.
2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the payment is provided by the first party to the third party.
3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first party and the third party are the same party, and wherein the payment is provided by a fourth party.
4. (previous presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the content of the note is provided by a fourth party to the first party, and wherein the payment is provided by the fourth party to the third party.

5. (previous presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the content of the note is provided by a fourth party to the first party, and wherein the payment is provided by the first party to the third party.

6. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises accessing the note by the content recipient.

7. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the providing of payment to the third party based upon the activity comprises providing payment to the third party based upon a level of the activity.

8. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises receiving the note by the second party.

9. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises interacting with the note by the second party.

10. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein the interacting comprises clicking on the note by the second party.

11. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises a transfer of information.

12. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises a purchase.

13. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises a banking transaction.

14. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises a bid.

15. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises a reverse bid.

16. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises a search.

17. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises a request for information.

18. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises an activity related to a financial transaction.

19. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises providing information.

20. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises downloading software.

21. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises accessing media.

22. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises multiple interactions through the same note.

23. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the performing of an activity comprises performing multiple activities, and wherein the providing of payment comprises providing a payment for each of the multiple activities.

24. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises an interest in the note expressed by the second party.

25. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises an upload of information by the second party.

26. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises a download of information to the second party.

27. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises redeeming a coupon.

28. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the activity comprises printing a coupon.

29. (currently amended) A method comprising:

posting a note at a content provider, wherein the content provider is a first party;

executing a note program at a content recipient so as to download the note from the content provider to the content recipient without resort to a cut or copy operation

and without downloading a web page ~~of the content provider~~,
wherein the content recipient is a second party; and,
providing payment to a third party based upon the
note.

30. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein
the payment is provided by the first party to the third
party.

31. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein
the first party and the third party are the same party, and
wherein the payment is provided by a fourth party.

32. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein
the note has content, wherein the content is provided by a
fourth party to the first party, and wherein the payment is
provided by the fourth party to the third party.

33. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein
the note has content, wherein the content is provided by a
fourth party to the first party, and wherein the payment is
provided by the first party to the third party.

34. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein providing payment to a third party based upon the note comprises providing payment to the third party based upon a level of activity related to the note.

35. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein providing payment to a third party based upon the note comprises providing payment to the third party for transfer of the note to the second party.

36. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein providing payment to a third party based upon the note comprises providing payment to the third party for a transfer of information to the second party.

37. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein providing payment to a third party based upon the note comprises providing payment to the third party for multiple interactions made through the same note.

38. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein providing payment to a third party based upon the note comprises providing payment to the third party for posting the note by the first party.

39. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein the posting of the note is made in accordance with a service provided by the third party to the first party, and wherein providing payment to a third party based upon the note comprises providing payment to the third party for the service.

40. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein the posting of the note comprises posting a plurality of notes, and wherein providing payment to a third party based upon the note comprises providing payment to the third party for each posting of a note from the plurality of notes.

41. (previously presented) An arrangement of sites comprising:

a first site, wherein the first site is a content provider site coupled to a network, wherein the first site executes first program code for the posting of a note on a web page of the content provider, wherein the first site is operated by a content provider, and wherein the content provider is a first party;

a second site, wherein the second site is a content recipient site coupled to the network, wherein the

second site executes second program code so as to download the note separately from the web page without resort to a cut or copy operation, wherein the second program code is compliant with the note posted at the first site, wherein the second site is operated by a content recipient, and wherein the content recipient is a second party; and,

a third site operated by a third party, wherein the third site receives payment based upon the note posted at the first site.

42. (original) The arrangement of claim 41 wherein the payment is provided by the first party to the third party.

43. (original) The arrangement of claim 41 wherein the first party and the third party are the same party, and wherein the payment is provided by a fourth party.

44. (original) The arrangement of claim 41 wherein the note has content associated therewith, wherein the content is provided by a fourth party to the first party, and wherein the payment is provided by the fourth party to the third party.

45. (original) The arrangement of claim 41 wherein the note has content associated therewith, wherein the content is provided by a fourth party to the first party, and wherein the payment is provided by the first party to the third party.

46. (original) The arrangement of claim 41 wherein payment is made to the third party based upon an activity of the second party related to the note.

47. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises accessing the note by the second party.

48. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises receiving the note by the second party.

49. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises interacting with the note by the second party.

50. (original) The arrangement of claim 49 wherein the interacting comprises clicking on the note by the second party.

51. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises an upload of information by the second party.

52. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises a download of information to the second party.

53. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises a transfer of information to a fourth party.

54. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises a purchase.

55. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises a banking transaction.

56. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises a bid.

57. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises a reverse bid.

58. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises a search.

59. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises a request for information.

60. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises an activity related to a financial transaction.

61. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises downloading software.

62. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises accessing media.

63. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises multiple interactions through the same note.

64. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the providing of payment to the third party based upon the activity related to the note comprises providing payment to the third party based upon a level of the activity related to the note.

65. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the performing of an activity comprises performing multiple activities, and wherein the providing of payment comprises providing a payment for each of the multiple activities.

66. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity is an interest in the note expressed by the second party.

67. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises redeeming a coupon.

68. (original) The arrangement of claim 46 wherein the activity comprises printing a coupon.

69. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the note has an attachment characteristic such that the note is attachable to a window.

70. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the note has an attachment characteristic such that the note is attachable to a window by a drag and drop operation without assimilation into the window.

71. (currently amended) The method of claim 29 wherein the note has an attachment characteristic such that the note is attachable to a window without assimilation into the window.

72. (currently amended) The method of claim 29 wherein the note has an attachment characteristic such that the note is attachable to a window by a drag and drop operation without assimilation into the window.

73. (currently amended) The arrangement of claim 41 wherein the note has an attachment characteristic such that the note is attachable to a window without assimilation into the window.

74. (currently amended) The arrangement of claim 41 wherein the note has an attachment characteristic such that the note is attachable to a window by a drag and drop operation without assimilation into the window.

75. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the note is posted on a web page of the content provider and has a characteristic such that the note can be downloaded to the content recipient separately from the web page.

76. (previously presented) The method of claim 29 wherein the note is posted on a web page of the content provider and has a characteristic such that the note can be downloaded to the content recipient separately from the web page.

77. (canceled)

78. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the note is posted on a web page of the content provider and has a characteristic such that the note can be automatically downloaded to the content recipient separately from the web page.

79. (previously presented) The method of claim 29 wherein the note is posted on a web page of the content provider and has a characteristic such that the note can be automatically downloaded to the content recipient separately from the web page.

80. (previously presented) The arrangement of claim 41 wherein the note is posted on a web page of the content provider and has a characteristic such that the note can be automatically downloaded to the content recipient separately from the web page.

81. (currently amended) A method comprising:
electronically downloading a note posted on a first computer at a content provider from the content provider to a content recipient, wherein the note has an attachment characteristic such that the note is attachable to a window without assimilation into the window, wherein the content provider is a first party, and wherein the content recipient is a second party;
electronically engaging in an activity related to the note, wherein the activity is performed by the content recipient on a second computer; and,

providing payment based upon the activity.

82. (previous presented) The method of claim 81 wherein the electronically downloaded note contains content, and wherein the electronically engaging in an activity related to the note comprises electronically engaging in an activity arising from the content of the note.

83. (previous presented) The method of claim 81 wherein the electronically downloading of a note comprises electronically downloading the note directly from the content provider to the content recipient.

84. (previous presented) The method of claim 81 wherein the providing of payment based upon the activity comprises providing the payment to a third party.

85. (previous presented) The method of claim 81 wherein the electronically downloaded note contains content, wherein the content suggests the activity, and wherein the electronically engaging in an activity related to the note comprises electronically engaging in the activity suggested by the content of the note.

86. (new) A method comprising:

electronically downloading a note from a content provider to a content recipient, wherein the note is posted on a web page residing in a computer of the content provider, wherein the computer of the content provider is a first computer, wherein the note is downloaded without resort to a cut or copy operation and without downloading a web page, wherein the content provider is a first party, and wherein the content recipient is a second party;

electronically engaging in an activity arising from content of the note, wherein the activity is performed by the content recipient on a second computer; and,

providing payment based upon the activity.